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Hello, again. This booklet on the division of decimals will explain how we divide when the divisor is a decimal. Are you ready to begin? Good!

The way we shall divide when the divisor is a decimal is to always change the divisor to a whole number. This is done by multiplying by a multiple of ten.

Let's look at an example problem. Divide 4 by .2. Now  $.2/\overline{4}$  can be written as the fraction  $4/.2$ . The main step, then, is to change the divisor (.2) to a whole number. This is done by multiplying numerator and denominator by 10.

$4/.2$  then becomes  $40/2$  or  $2/\overline{40}$ , which is an equivalent form of  $.2/\overline{4}$ . It is easy to see that our answer is 20. Let's look at the steps again.

Step 1 --  $.2/\overline{4} = 4/.2$  (change division problem to a fraction)

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- Step 2 --  $4/.2 = 40/2$  (find an equivalent form of the fraction)
- Step 3 --  $40/2 = 2/\overline{40}$  (change back to our division problem)
- Step 4 -- 20 (work out the answer as we did in Booklet #1)

Remember!! Always change your divisor to a whole number.

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$$.3/\overline{18} = ?$$

(a) 600

Turn to page 131

(b) 60

Turn to page 136

(c) 6

Turn to page 140

(d) .6

Turn to page 145

Your answer is incorrect.

Let's look at the example problem.  $1.4/\overline{.28}$

$$\text{Step 1 -- } 1.4/\overline{.28} = \underset{\curvearrowright}{1.4}/\underset{\curvearrowright}{.28} = 14/\overline{2.8}$$

$$\text{Step 2 -- } 14/\overline{2.8} = 14/\overline{\begin{array}{r} .2 \\ 28 \end{array}} = .2$$

In other words, first write the problem in an equivalent form where the divisor is a whole number and then divide.

Work this problem.

$$.4 \div .2 = ?$$

(a) .2

Turn to page 146

(b) 2

Turn to page 153

You need to look at how to divide with a decimal divisor in detail. Let's use the problem  $.3/\overline{18}$  to explain the process.

FIRST: Change the problem into fractional form.

In other words,  $.3/\overline{18}$  becomes  $18/.3$ . The fraction  $18/.3$  is viewed as 18 broken into equal parts of .3 each.

SECOND: The most important step is to change the fraction into an equivalent fraction where the denominator will be a whole number rather than a decimal. This is done by multiplying numerator and denominator by a multiple of 10. Using our example problem, we take  $18/.3$  and multiply numerator and denominator by 10, getting  $180/3$ .

THIRD: We divide the numerator by our whole number denominator and get the desired quotient. In our example,  $180/3 = 3/\overline{180} = 60$ .

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Let's look at the steps again.

Step 1 --  $.3/\overline{18} = 18/.3$

Step 2 --  $18/.3 = 180/3$  (IMPORTANT STEP. Do you see  
how we got it? If not, go  
back and read through the  
explanation under SECOND  
again.)

Step 3 --  $180/3 = 3/\overline{180} = 60.$

Turn to page 132.



Okay!

Continue.

The quotient of  $.01/\overline{8}$  is:

- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| (a) 8   | Turn to page 141 |
| (b) 80  | Turn to page 135 |
| (c) 800 | Turn to page 139 |

Page 133

Ooops!

You got carried away with those zeroes. I'y guess is that you made a little mistake.

Go back to page 143 and work the problem again. Be more careful this time. Turn to page 143.

Page 134

Your answer was incorrect.

Go to page 69 and continue from there. You'll find  
page 69 in Booklet #1 of this Unit.

Incorrect.

In order to make  $8/.01$ , have a whole number for a denominator (divisor), we must multiply by 100 which is a multiple of 10.

Go back to page 132 and try again.

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Good! Your answer was correct.

What is the quotient of  $1 \div .002$ ?

- |          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| (a) .002 | Turn to page 142 |
| (b) .5   | Turn to page 143 |
| (c) 50   | Turn to page 152 |
| (d) 500  | Turn to page 148 |

Okay! That's correct!

The quotient of  $.007/\overline{.05}$  is ? . Round your answer off to the nearest thousandth.

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| (a) .714  | Turn to page 180 |
| (b) 7.142 | Turn to page 194 |
| (c) 7.143 | Turn to page 193 |

Okay!  $1 \div .002 = .002/\overline{1}$  .

Now go to page 136 and work the problem again.

Okay!

Now work this one.

$$.05/\overline{5} = ?$$

(a) 100

Turn to page 136

(b) 10

Turn to page 147

(c) 500

Turn to page 154



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Your answer is incorrect.

Go to page 131 for further explanation. Then  
continue from there. Turn to page 131.

I'm sorry, but your answer is incorrect.

Let's look at another example. Since  $.01/\bar{8} = 8/.01$ ,  
what equivalent fraction do we want to change  $8/.01$   
into?

(a)  $800/1$

Turn to page 132

(b)  $80/.1$

Turn to page 131

Incorrect.

The symbol " $\div$ " reads divided by.

Now,  $1 \div .002 = ?$

(a)  $1/\overline{.002}$

Turn to page 134

(b)  $.002/\overline{1}$

Turn to page 138

Your answer is incorrect.

Here's how the problem is worked.

Step 1 --  $1 \div .002 = 1/.002$

Step 2 --  $1/.002 = \frac{1 \times 1000}{.002 \times 1000} = 1000/2$

Step 3 --  $1000/2 = 2/\overline{1000} = 500.$

Step 2 is an important step in the division process involving a decimal divisor. Study it carefully.

Find the quotient of  $.008/\overline{24}$ .

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| (a) 30,000 | Turn to page 133 |
| (b) 3,000  | Turn to page 155 |
| (c) 300    | Turn to page 159 |

Incorrect.

If you move the decimal point 3 places to the right in the divisor, then you must move the decimal point in the dividend 3 places to the right.

Go back to page 153 and try again.

Page 145

Your answer is incorrect.

Go to page 131 for further explanation. Then continue from there. Turn to page 131.

Page 146

You need more work on the basic concepts of dividing by a decimal.

Go to page 131 and continue from there. Turn to page 131.

Incorrect.

For  $.05/\overline{5}$  we multiply the divisor and the dividend by 100, not 10.

Try this problem.

$$.5/\overline{15} = ?$$

(a) 3

Turn to page 151

(b) 300

Turn to page 141

(c) 30

Turn to page 139



Very good! That's correct.

Let's look at a short cut method for division with a decimal divisor. Our old method was to change the problem into a fraction and then to find an equivalent fraction with a whole number denominator. What we want to do now is to find that whole number divisor without changing the problem into a fraction.

You should have noticed that multiplying by a multiple of ten merely moves the decimal point to the right. Therefore, we shall get a whole number for a divisor by moving the decimal point the same number of places in the divisor and the dividend. Here are three examples.

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$$(a) \ .3/\overline{1.873} = \underbrace{.3}_{\rightarrow}/\overline{1.873} = 3/\overline{18.73}$$

$$(b) \ .03/\overline{1.873} = \underbrace{.03}_{\rightarrow}/\overline{1.873} = 3/\overline{187.3}$$

$$(c) \ .003/\overline{1.873} = \underbrace{.003}_{\rightarrow}/\overline{1.873} = 3/\overline{1873.}$$

Notice that I used a little arrow to show how many places I moved the decimal point.

Turn to page 149

Now you try this one.

$$70.4 \div .22 = ?$$

(a) 320

Turn to page 170

(b) 32

Turn to page 165

(c) 3.2

Turn to page 156

Whoops! You made a mistake in arithmetic.

Go back to page 158 and work the problem again.

Hey! Don't forget the decimal point. Part of the problem is getting the decimal point out of the divisor.

Go back to page 147 and work the problem again.

Turn to page 147.

Your answer is incorrect.

Here's how the problem is worked.

Step 1 --  $1 \div .002 = 1/.002$

Step 2 --  $1/.002 = \frac{1 \times 1000}{.002 \times 1000} = 1000/2$

Step 3 --  $1000/2 = 2/\overline{1000} = 500$

Step 2 is an important step in the division process involving a decimal divisor. Study it carefully.

Find the quotient of  $.008/\overline{24}$ .

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|------------|------------------|
| (a) 30,000 | Turn to page 133 |
| (b) 3,000  | Turn to page 155 |
| (c) 300    | Turn to page 159 |

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Okay!

Keep going. You're doing fine!

$$3.5 \div .175 = ?$$

(a) .05

Turn to page 158

(b) 20

Turn to page 170

(c) 2

Turn to page 144

Page 154

Whoa! How many times does 5 divide 5?

Go back to page 139 and work the problem again.



Fine! That's the right answer.

What is  $4 \div .0010$ ?

(a) 4000

Turn to page 148

(b) 40,000

Turn to page 159

(c) .00025

Turn to page 161

Page 156

Your answer is incorrect.

Go to page 165 for further explanation.

Page 157

What??

You better go back and read page 164 again. After carefully reading page 164, then work the problem again.

Ooops!

$3.5 \div .175$  means  $.175 \overline{)3.5}$  .

Try another problem.

$$.0039 \div .13 = ?$$

(a) 3

Turn to page 130

(b) .333

Turn to page 150

(c) .03

Turn to page 153

Incorrect.

Remember you multiply by a multiple of 10 to make the divisor a whole number. For example, if the divisor is:

- (a) .3, then we multiply divisor and dividend by 10
- (b) .03, then we multiply divisor and dividend by 100
- (c) .003, then we multiply divisor and dividend by 1000

Try this problem.

$.001/\overline{7}$  has a quotient of:

- |          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| (a) 700  | Turn to page 141 |
| (b) 7000 | Turn to page 155 |

Okay!

Try this one.

$$.0162 \div .45 = ?$$

(a) .036

Turn to page 162

(b) .00036

Turn to page 172

(c) .04

Turn to page 175

Incorrect.

The symbol " $\div$ " means divided by.

Now,  $4 \div .0010 = ?$

(a)  $4/.0010$

Turn to page 155

(b)  $.0010/4$

Turn to page 164

Good!

Let's continue.

$.7 \div .09 = ?$  (Round off your answer to the nearest tenth.)

(a) .8

Turn to page 181

(b) 7.7

Turn to page 178

(c) 7.8

Turn to page 185



Incorrect.

For  $10.7/\overline{.428}$ , you move the decimal only one place to the right in the divisor to change it to a whole number. In other words,

$$10.7/\overline{.428} = 10.7/\overline{.4}28$$

Go back to page 168 and work the problem again.

Come now. You can do better than that!

$4 \div .0010$  means 4 divided by .0010 or  $.0010/\overline{4}$  .

Now,  $.0010/\overline{4}$  can be written as the fraction

$4/.0010$ . Then our conclusion is that  $4 \div .0010$   
 $= 4/.0010$ .

You try one.

$$4 \div .2 = ?$$

(a) .05

Turn to page 157

(b) 2

Turn to page 159

(c) 20

Turn to page 155

Let's look at moving the decimal point in detail.

To divide 70.4 by .22, we first change it into the fraction  $70.4/.22$ . Now we must multiply numerator and denominator (dividend and divisor, if you wish) by some number to make the denominator a whole number. 100 is the multiple of ten we need.

Now notice that multiplying numerator and denominator by 100 ( $\frac{70.4 \times 100}{.22 \times 100}$ ) is the same as moving the decimal point two places to the right. In other words,  $\frac{70.4 \times 100}{.22 \times 100} = \frac{70.40}{.22} = 7040/22$ .

Now, if we don't write the problem as a fraction but merely move the decimal point two places to the right in both the dividend and divisor, we can save ourselves some work and paper. Using our example,  $.22/70.4 = .22/70.40 = 22/7040$ . Pretty neat, huh?

Turn to page 166

Now try this problem.

The quotient of  $1.3/\overline{.39}$  is:

- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| (a) 3   | Turn to page 171 |
| (b) .3  | Turn to page 153 |
| (c) .03 | Turn to page 130 |

You need a closer look at dividing by a decimal.

OUR METHOD:

Step 1: We change the divisor to a whole number by moving the decimal the correct number of places to the right in the divisor and the dividend. Examples:

$$(a) \quad 1.768/3.25 = \frac{1.768}{3.25} = \frac{176.8}{325}$$

$$(b) \quad .325/37.4138 = \frac{.325}{37.4138} = \frac{325}{37413.8}$$

Step 2: Divide as we did in Booklet #1 of this Unit. For our last problem of  $2.16/\overline{15.12}$ , we moved the decimal two places to the right in the divisor and the dividend. Thus,  $2.16/\overline{15.12} = 2.16/\overline{15.12} = 216/\overline{1512}$ , and  $216/\overline{1512} = 7$ .

Are you ready to go on?

(a) Yes

Turn to page 168

(b) No

Turn to page 165 for more explanation

Find the quotient of  $10.7/\overline{.428}$  .

- |          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| (a) .04  | Turn to page 160 |
| (b) .004 | Turn to page 172 |
| (c) 4    | Turn to page 163 |

Your answer is incorrect.

You forgot to move the decimal point one place to the right in the dividend.  $2.8/\overline{.00056} =$

$$2.8/\overline{.00056} = 28/\overline{.0056}.$$

Try this one.

$$.16/\overline{8.8} = ?$$

(a) 8

Turn to page 176

(b) 5.5

Turn to page 172

(c) 55

Turn to page 160

That's correct! You're doing fine.

Let's continue.

The quotient of  $2.16/\overline{15.12}$  is:

- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| (a) .07 | Turn to page 174 |
| (b) 700 | Turn to page 167 |
| (c) 7   | Turn to page 162 |



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Whoops !

Be more careful.

Go back to page 166 and work the problem again.

Incorrect.

You must take special care to move the decimal point the SAME number of places in the dividend as you do in the divisor. If you don't have enough digits in the dividend, then ADD zeroes until you have enough places.

Work this problem.

$$.004/\overline{6.4} = ?$$

(a) 1.6

Turn to page 130

(b) 1600

Turn to page 160

Did you add a zero to 1.9 to make it 1.90 before you moved the decimal point?

Go back and work the problem again and be more careful this time.

Turn to page 186.

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Your answer is incorrect.

Go to page 167 for further explanation.

Your answer is incorrect.

Let's try another problem to get you back on the right track.

$$2.8 / \overline{.00056} = ?$$

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| (a) .0002  | Turn to page 160 |
| (b) .00002 | Turn to page 169 |
| (c) .02    | Turn to page 172 |

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What did you do? Go back and choose a different answer. Turn to page 169.

Incorrect.

Let's look at how it's worked.

$$\text{Step 1 -- } .6/\overline{.05} = \underline{.6}/\underline{.05} = 6/\overline{.5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Step 2 -- } 6/\overline{.5000} \\ \underline{48} \phantom{00} \\ 20 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{00} \\ 20 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{00} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Step 3 -- Round off to thousandths. .0833  
rounds off to .083.

Work this problem and round off the quotient to thousandths.

$$.6/\overline{.01} = ?$$

- |          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| (a) .016 | Turn to page 183 |
| (b) .167 | Turn to page 180 |
| (c) .017 | Turn to page 137 |

Your answer is incorrect.

$$.7 \div .09 = \underline{.09} \overline{) .70} = 9 \overline{) 70.00}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.77 \\ 9 \overline{) 70.00} \\ \underline{63} \phantom{00} \\ 70 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{63} \phantom{00} \\ 70 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{63} \phantom{00} \\ 70 \end{array}$$

Since we want our answer in tenths, we carry out our division to hundredths and then round off to tenths. 7.77 rounded off to tenths is 7.8.

What is 1.748 rounded off to tenths?

(a) 1.7

Turn to page 182

(b) 1.8

Turn to page 184



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You need more practice in rounding off numbers.

Go to page 81 and read the explanation carefully.

Then continue from there. Go to page 81 in Booklet

#1 of this Unit.

You seem to be having trouble locating your decimal point correctly in your answer. Remember, you move the decimal point in the dividend as many places to the right as you moved the decimal point in the divisor.

Examples: (a)  $.3/\overline{.043} = .3/\overline{.043}$   
 (b)  $.23/\overline{.0346} = .23/\overline{.0346}$

Work this problem and round off the quotient to the nearest thousandth.

$2.2/\overline{.032} = ?$

(a) .015

Turn to page 137

(b) .014

Turn to page 191

Your answer is incorrect.

$$.7 \div .09 = \underbrace{.09}_{9} / \underbrace{.70}_{70} = 9 \overline{)70.00} \begin{array}{r} 7.77 \\ 63 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{70} \phantom{00} \\ 63 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{70} \phantom{00} \\ 63 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{70} \phantom{00} \end{array}$$

Since we want our answer in tenths, we carry out our division to hundredths and then round off to tenths. 7.77 rounded off to tenths is 7.8.

What is 1.748 rounded off to tenths?

(a) 1.7

Turn to page 182

(b) 1.8

Turn to page 184

Okay! That's correct!

Do this one and round off your answer to the nearest tenth.

$$.12/\overline{.5} = ?$$

(a) .4

Turn to page 189

(b) 4.2

Turn to page 185

(c) 4.1

Turn to page 186

Whooops.

You didn't round off correctly.

Go back to page 177 and work the problem again.

Incorrect. You made a common error.

We don't start at the extreme right and round off. Since we are rounding off to tenths, we look at the hundredths place to see if the digit is 5, larger than 5, or less than 5. From this information we round off to tenths.

In the problem 1.748 the integer 4 is in the hundredths place. Since 4 is less than 5, we change all the places to zeroes starting with the hundredths place and moving to the right. In other words, 1.748 rounded off to tenths is 1.7.

Turn to page 182 and continue.

Very good!

Let's go on.

Find the quotient to the nearest thousandth.

$$.6 / .05 = ?$$

(a) .083

Turn to page 193

(b) .008

Turn to page 188

(c) .833

Turn to page 177

Incorrect.

When you move the decimal two places to the right in the divisor, you MUST move the decimal two places to the right in the dividend. If you don't have enough places, add zeroes.

Try this one and round off the quotient to the nearest tenth.

$$.32 \overline{) 1.9} = ?$$

- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| (a) 5.9 | Turn to page 182 |
| (b) 6.0 | Turn to page 179 |
| (c) .6  | Turn to page 173 |



Incorrect. You forgot to move the decimal two places to the right in the dividend and then place it in the quotient.

$$.32/\overline{7.45} = \underbrace{.32}_{\text{move 2 places right}}/\underbrace{7.45}_{\text{move 2 places right}} = 32/\overline{745.} = 23.281.$$

Let's try one more.

Make sure you round this answer off to the nearest thousandth.

$$.11/\overline{.0937} = ?$$

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| (a) .085  | Turn to page 180 |
| (b) .852  | Turn to page 137 |
| (c) .8518 | Turn to page 190 |

Incorrect. Let's look at how it's worked.

Step 1 --  $.6/\overline{.05} = \underline{.6}/\underline{.05} = 6/\overline{.5}$

Step 2 --  $6/\overline{.5000}$

$$\begin{array}{r} .0833 \\ 6 \overline{) 5.000} \\ \underline{48} \phantom{00} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{0} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{0} \\ 2 \phantom{0} \end{array}$$

Step 3 -- Round off to thousandths. .0833 rounds off to .083.

Work this problem and round off the quotient to thousandths.

$.6/\overline{.01} = ?$

(a) .016

Turn to page 183

(b) .167

Turn to page 180

(c) .017

Turn to page 137

You made a careless mistake in rounding off your answer.

Go back to page 182 and work the problem again.

Incorrect.

You were supposed to round off to the nearest thousandth. Thousandths are three decimal places.

Go back to page 187 and work the problem again.

Turn to page 187.

I'm sorry, but you don't quite have the idea. Let's look at an example problem and go through it step by step. Our problem will be  $1.6 \div .7$ .

Step 1 -- Set up the problem and move the decimal point the correct number of places in the divisor and the dividend. In our example problem this is one place. So:

$$.7/\overline{1.6} = \underset{\cdot}{.7}/\underset{\cdot}{\overline{1.6}} = 7/\overline{16}$$

Step 2 -- Divide as we learned in Booklet #1 of this

Unit.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.285 \\ 7 \overline{) 16.000} \\ \underline{14} \phantom{00} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{14} \phantom{0} \\ 60 \\ \underline{56} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \\ \underline{35} \phantom{0} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

Step 3 -- Round off to the correct place. For 2.285 we would have 2.3 if we were to round off to tenths; or, if we were to round off to hundredths, we would have 2.29.

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Study the example and then continue.

Divide and round off the quotient to the nearest  
tenth.

$$.9/\overline{1.1} = ?$$

(a) .1

Turn to page 179

(b) 1.2

Turn to page 182

Good!

Now work this one to the nearest thousandth.

$$8.01 / \overline{.0631} = ?$$

(a) .008

Turn to page 202

(b) .001

Turn to page 201

(c) .079

Turn to page 197

Very good! You're doing excellent work.

Here's the next problem. Round off your answer to the nearest thousandth.

The quotient of  $3.23/\overline{17.483}$  is:

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| (a) .054  | Turn to page 198 |
| (b) 5.413 | Turn to page 202 |
| (c) .541  | Turn to page 206 |



Incorrect.

You rounded off incorrectly to thousandths.

Let's try again.

$.32/\overline{7.45}$  to the nearest thousandth is:

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| (a) 23.281 | Turn to page 137 |
| (b) 2.328  | Turn to page 180 |
| (c) .233   | Turn to page 187 |

Your last answer was incorrect.

Let's look at a detailed solution of  $.024/\overline{48.6}$ .

Step 1 --  $.024/\overline{48.6} = \underbrace{.024}/\underbrace{48.600} = 24/\overline{48600}$ .

Step 2 --  $24/\overline{48600}$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 2025 \\ 48 \overline{) 97200} \\ \underline{96} \phantom{00} \\ 120 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{120} \phantom{0} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Step 3 -- Since the problem came out an even whole number, no rounding off was necessary.

The answer is simply 2025.

Now work this problem correct to thousandths.

The quotient of  $.11 \div 4.7$  is:

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| (a) 42.727 | Turn to page 209 |
| (b) .234   | Turn to page 204 |
| (c) .023   | Turn to page 200 |
| (d) .021   | Turn to page 199 |

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You need to review the basic ideas of division by a decimal.

Turn to page 148 and read the explanation carefully.  
Then continue from there.

Turn to page 148.

**Incorrect.**

**You made a careless mistake in locating your decimal point in the quotient.**

**Go back to page 192 and find your error. Turn to page 192.**

Your last answer was incorrect. Let's look at a detailed solution of the problem.

Step 1 --  $3.23/\overline{17.483} = 3.\overline{23}/\overline{17.48\overline{3}} = 323/\overline{1748.3}$

Step 2 -- Divide:  $323/\overline{1748.3000}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5.4126 \\
 \underline{1615} \phantom{00} \\
 1333 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{1292} \phantom{00} \\
 410 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{323} \phantom{00} \\
 870 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{646} \phantom{00} \\
 2240 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{1938} \phantom{00} \\
 302
 \end{array}$$

Step 3 -- 5.4126 rounded off to thousandths is 5.413.

Now you work one correct to the nearest thousandth.

The quotient of  $.27/\overline{9.431} = ?$

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| (a) .349  | Turn to page 203 |
| (b) 34.93 | Turn to page 192 |
| (c) 35.3  | Turn to page 201 |

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Your answer is incorrect.

You have made a careless mistake in your division.

Go back to page 195 and find your error.

Turn to page 195

Okay! You're doing fine now.

What is  $.48/\overline{.25}$  to the nearest thousandth?

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|-----------|------------------|
| (a) 5.208 | Turn to page 204 |
| (b) .520  | Turn to page 208 |
| (c) .521  | Turn to page 205 |

Incorrect.

See if you can get back on the track with this problem.

$.8/\overline{4.729}$  to the nearest thousandth is:

(a) 5.911

Turn to page 192

(b) .591

Turn to page 196



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Good! That's the correct answer.

What is  $.024/\overline{48.6}$  to the nearest thousandth?

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|-----------|------------------|
| (a) .203  | Turn to page 207 |
| (b) 2.025 | Turn to page 195 |
| (c) 2025  | Turn to page 205 |

Whoa.

When you move the decimal point two places to the right in the divisor, you must move the decimal place in the dividend exactly the same number of places.

Go back to page 198 and work the problem again.

Your answer is not correct.

You are not moving the decimal point in the dividend over the correct number of places. Let's look at a couple of example problems.

$$(a) \quad 4.7/\overline{.11} = 4.7/\overline{.11} = 47/\overline{1.1}$$

$$(b) \quad .48/\overline{.25} = .48/\overline{.25} = 48/\overline{25}$$

Now work  $.17/\overline{.0353}$  and round your answer off to the nearest thousandth.

(a) .208                      Turn to page 200

(b) .021                      Turn to page 201

(c) .207                      Turn to page 210

Excellent! You have successfully completed this unit on division of decimals. Let's briefly review what you have learned.

1. You learned how to divide a decimal number by a whole number. This was done by placing the decimal point in the quotient and then dividing.
2. You learned how to divide any whole or decimal number by a decimal number. This was done by changing the divisor to a whole number and then proceeding as before.
3. You learned to round off or approximate your answers to the nearest whole number, tenths, hundredths, or thousandths.

You are now ready for a test on division of decimals.  
Tell your teacher you have finished this Unit.

Your last answer was incorrect. Let's look at a detailed solution of the problem.

Step 1 --  $3.23/\overline{17.483} = 3.\underline{23}/\underline{17.48}\dot{3} = 323/\overline{1748.3}$

Step 2 -- Divide:  $323/\overline{1748.3000}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5.4126 \\
 \underline{1615} \phantom{00} \\
 1333 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{1292} \phantom{00} \\
 410 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{323} \phantom{00} \\
 870 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{646} \phantom{00} \\
 2240 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{1938} \phantom{00} \\
 302
 \end{array}$$

Step 3--5.4126 rounded off to thousandths is 5.413.

Now you work one correct to the nearest thousandth.

The quotient of  $.27/\overline{9.431} = ?$

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|-----------|------------------|
| (a) .349  | Turn to page 203 |
| (b) 34.93 | Turn to page 192 |
| (c) 35.3  | Turn to page 201 |

Your last answer was incorrect. Let's look at a detailed solution of  $.024/\overline{48.6}$ .

Step 1 --  $.024/\overline{48.6} = \underline{.024}/\underline{48.600} = 24/\overline{48600}$ .

Step 2 --  $24/\overline{48600}$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 2025. \\ 48 \overline{) 48600} \\ \underline{48} \phantom{00} \\ 60 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{48} \phantom{00} \\ 120 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{120} \phantom{00} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Step 3 -- Since the problem came out an even whole number, no rounding off was necessary.  
The answer is simply 2025.

Now work this problem correct to thousandths.

The quotient of  $.11 \div 4.7 = ?$

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|------------|------------------|
| (a) 42.727 | Turn to page 209 |
| (b) .234   | Turn to page 204 |
| (c) .023   | Turn to page 200 |
| (d) .021   | Turn to page 199 |

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You made a mistake in rounding off your answer to thousandths.

Go back to page 200 and correct your error.

Turn to page 200

Ooops!

$.11 \div 4.7$  means .11 divided by 4.7 or  $4.7/\overline{.11}$  .

Go back to page 195 and divide correctly this time.



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You rounded off your answer incorrectly. Go back to page 204 and find your error.

Turn to page 204.

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TEST QUESTIONS

UNIT 11 - DIVISION OF DECIMALS

1.  $6 \overline{) 3.606} =$

- a) 6.01
- b) .61
- c) .601

2. 24.8 divided by 2 =

- a) 124
- b) 12.4
- c) 1.24

3. 6.32 rounded off to the nearest tenth is

- a) 6
- b) 6.3
- c) 6.4

4.  $12 \overline{) 1.0384} =$

- a) .0032
- b) .032
- c) .32

5. 5 divided by 9 when rounded off the thousandths is

- a) .55
- b) 1.800
- c) .56

6. The quotient of 2 divided by 3 rounded off to the nearest hundredth is
- a) 1.500
  - b) 6.67
  - c) .67
7. .45 is .4449876 rounded off to the nearest hundredth
- a) no
  - b) yes
8.  $.09 \overline{)18} =$
- a) 2
  - b) 200
  - c) 20
9. .9 divided by 12 equals
- a) .075
  - b) 1.333
  - c) .750
10.  $3.2 \overline{)41.53}$  to the nearest thousandth is
- a) 12.978
  - b) 12.669
  - c) 1.298
11. 1.04545 rounded off to the nearest tenth is
- a) 1.05
  - b) 1.1
  - c) 1.0
12. .02 divided by 4 =
- a) 200
  - b) .005
  - c) .5

13. The quotient of 7.8 divided by 9 to the nearest hundredth is

- a) .86
- b) .87
- c) 1.15

14. 12.3674 rounded off to the nearest whole number is

- a) 12.4
- b) 13
- c) 12

15. 7.45 divided by 1.37 to the nearest hundredth is

- a) 5.44
- b) .183
- c) .54

16.  $.02 \overline{) 3.0102} =$

- a) 1.5051
- b) 15.51
- c) 150.51

17. Round off .00937 divided by 7.5 to the nearest thousandth

- a) .124
- b) .001
- c) .752

18. The quotient of 24.55 divided by .25 =

- a) .982
- b) .0102
- c) 98.2

19. 7.3564 rounded off to the nearest hundredth is
- a) 7.35
  - b) 7.356
  - c) 7.36
20. 1.1 divided by 9 to the nearest thousandth is
- a) .122
  - b) 8.18
  - c) .012
21. To the nearest tenth 12 divided by 7.61 is
- a) .6
  - b) 1.6
  - c) 15.8
22. .039 divided by .13 is
- a) .300
  - b) .003
  - c) 7.692
23. .0353 divided by .17 to the nearest thousandth is
- a) .208
  - b) .021
  - c) .207
24. .05 divided by 11 to the nearest thousandth is
- a) 2.200
  - b) .005
  - c) .004
25. 70.4 divided by .22 to the nearest whole number is
- a) 31
  - b) 3
  - c) 320

## ANSWER SHEET

### UNIT 11 - DIVISION OF DECIMALS

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|-------|-------|
| 1. c  | 15. a |
| 2. b  | 16. c |
| 3. b  | 17. b |
| 4. a  | 18. c |
| 5. c  | 19. c |
| 6. c  | 20. a |
| 7. a  | 21. b |
| 8. b  | 22. a |
| 9. a  | 23. a |
| 10. a | 24. b |
| 11. c | 25. c |
| 12. b |       |
| 13. b |       |
| 14. c |       |

To the instructor: The above problems are related to the objectives as follows:

OBJECTIVE 1 : Questions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

OBJECTIVE 2 : Questions 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25